Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 01 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 02 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 01 Feb 2023 at 03:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Wednesday. Low for extent of drier conditions later on Thursday. High for Friday and Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 01 Feb 2023: Cold and very windy with early snow showers. Rain and snow after dark

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 01 Feb 2023

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	30%	40%	60%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 01 Feb 2023

Weather: A few light snow showers lingering across North Highland into the afternoon, but elsewhere becoming dry by late morning. Then dry with some sunshine. Thickening cloud will bring rain and sleet, preceded by snow, across Skye and Lochaber by late afternoon, and to remaining areas after dark.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance away from the southwest

Low cloud and visibility: Very good with great air clarity outside of cloud and snow. Some patchy cloud around 800 metres in the morning. Low cloud becoming extensive down to 600 metres across the southwest by mid-afternoon, and this becoming more extensive after dark.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	51/59 W	38/45 W	26/33 W	20/25 W	14/19 SW	22/27 SW	30/37 SW
900	48/57 W	37/44 W	25/32 W	18/24 W	14/18 SW	19/24 SW	28/35 SW
600	32/39 W	23/29 W	17/24 W	12/17 W	10/15 SW	13/18 SW	17/25 SW
300	9/44 NW	6/33 W	5/25 W	3/17 W	2/13 SW	1/15 SW	3/24 SW
Glen	17/35 W	12/26 W	9/20 W	4/12 NW	4/10 SW	3/9 E	5/17 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-14	-3/-13	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-8	-2/-8	1/-6
900	-2/-13	-2/-12	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-1/-7	1/-5
600	0/-8	1/-6	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	3/-2
300	2/-2	3/0	4/2	3/1	2/0	2/1	4/3
Glen	4/-1	5/1	6/3	6/5	5/4	5/4	7/6
Freezing Level*	500m	500m	600m	600m	600m	1000m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong summit winds persisting on the higher tops leading to severe wind chill. Freezing levels expected to rise to higher summit level after dark with a thaw of lying snow at lower elevations

Forecast for Thursday 02 Feb 2023

Weather: A cloudy day with some widespread and heavy rain for much of the day, some drier interludes possible across more sheltered parts of Easter Ross. Heavy rain combined with rising a freezing level will lead to a thaw of lying snow.

Maximum wind: Westerly winds with average speed of 40 mph and gusts to 60 mph on the higher summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, best chance across the far east given some shelter

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in widespread cloud down to 500 to 700 metres, but locally good across the far east in any drier and clearer breaks

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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